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For **SAMPLING TUBE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

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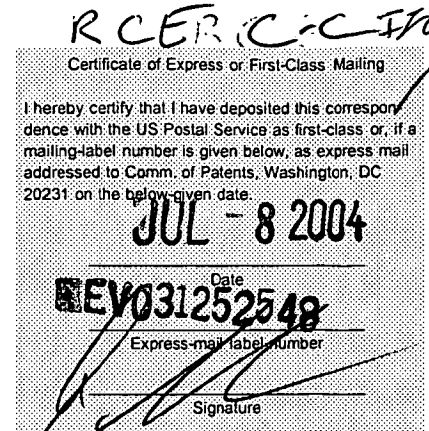
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed 15 January 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- a. There are no changes in the specification.
- b. Amendment to the claims is attached.
- c. Remarks follow the above.
- d. Petition for a three month extension is attached with  
a credit form.
- e. Continued examination is requested with attachment of  
a credit form for the requisite fee.